

White River National Forest



Current Conditions

Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

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Road and Trail Status for Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

Trails are seeing record numbers of recreationalists. If you drive to a trailhead and it's full or near capacity, please go to another location.

Do not park on roadways, highways, or block the travel way. Search and Rescue and other emergency vehicles must have access. If crowding or parking issues continue, we may have to close areas and prohibit use.

Bicycle and Motorized Use: All Forest System roads and trails are closed to wheeled use unless otherwise open as shown on the **Mechanized Use Map** or **Motor Vehicle Use Map** at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/whiteriver/home/?cid=stelprdb5328680>

Biking is allowed only on designated trails and roads. Off-road/trail travel is prohibited. Roads & trails are closed to bicycles November 23 – May 21 annually.

Roads

Roads are managed with a season of dates and type of vehicle allowed. Please refer to the MVUM posted on the website. We have provided the conditions of popular roads in the table below. Road conditions change based on weather. Please do not try to travel through snowbanks. There is never less snow the farther you travel up in elevation. You will get stuck and there is little to no cell coverage on most forest roads.

Trails

Most trails are still under snow or have muddy conditions right now. Trails are closed to mountain bikes until May 21 unless there are other restrictions delaying that date (spring wildlife restrictions). These restrictions are in place to help protect the tread for the long-term sustainability.

Water

Creek crossing are very high and running swift. Use caution around creeks. We suggest keeping dogs leashed near water.

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Many trails are closed to all human entry (hiking/biking/dogs) to protect our wildlife in the area. These trails include:

- **Whiskey Creek #2348:** Closed November 23 – June 20
- **Beaver Creek – Arrowhead Resort Trails:** [See map here](#)
- **Eastern Hillside #2347:** Closed December 1 – June 20
- **Everkrisp #2122:** Closed November 23 – June 20
- **North Trail #1896:** Closed April 15 – June 20
- **Buffehr Creek #2111:** Closed April 15 – June 20
- **Son of Middle Creek #2136:** Closed April 15 – June 20
- **Paulie's Plunge/Stone Creek #2349:** Closed May 15 – June 20
- **Two Elk #2005** (from the west entrance at the second bridge to the east end at the Vail Bike Path): Closed May 6 – June 30 (Opens on July 1)

We realize these restrictions are challenging but they are short-term limitations for the long-term gain of our local wildlife herds. They need the spring season to rejuvenate their body condition after a winter of starvation. Remember many of these animals are pregnant. Many females are giving birth and need this security so their fawns and calves have a fighting chance to live. **Help protect our wildlife herds in the valley, respect these closures.**

Motorized use is restricted to a system of designated roads and trails by the kind of vehicle and time of year. This information is found on the Motor Vehicle Use Map at [Motor Vehicle Use Map](#)

Our partners in trail management including towns, Eagle County, and local communities are funneling information to our trail partner - Vail Valley Mountain Trail Alliance VVMTA. Please visit their website for up to date trail condition information. <https://www.vvmta.org/trail-closures/>

Spring conditions exist. Expect varying spring/snowy/muddy conditions on trails at this time.

Please travel safely and be prepared for any winter conditions.

Always check [weather](#) and [avalanche conditions](#) prior to your outing, yes we still have spring avalanches.

Conditions reports are below.

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This report is a general description of the broader area; all conditions are subject to change. Remember to always bring a map and compass, and be prepared for any conditions on the roads and trails - remember to *"Know Before You Go"*.

DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH PATCHY SNOW – IT ONLY GETS DEEPER AND YOU WILL GET STUCK

Dirt & 4WD Roads		Conditions	
Eagle Area Roads		<div>* Mountain bikes are restricted to designated trails and a season of 5/21 to 11/22</div> <div>Current snowline as of 5/20/21 is around 9,500 – 10,000 depending on aspect and tree cover.</div>	
Big Park – FSR 421	Road opens 5/21 annually if conditions allow.		
Eagle-Thomasville - FSR 400	Road opens 6/14 condition dependent.		
East Brush Creek - FSR 415	Road opened on 5/21. Dry to Fulford Cave Campground.		
Nolan Creek - FSR 418	Road opened 5/21 and plowed to Fulford/Nolan Lake trailhead. Snow beyond. 		
Hardscrabble - FSR 413	As of 5/13/21: Frontside of Hardscrabble Road is dry for about 9 miles before hitting snow. Can't connect to Gypsum Creek Road or Beecher Road yet. Back Side of Hardscrabble Road melted out to 10,000' once you hit timber. Opened 5/21.		
Hat Creek - FSR 416	Road opens annually on 6/14, condition dependent.		
Old Fulford Road – FSR 419	Road opens 5/21 annually if conditions allow.		
Triangle Park – FSR 435	Road opens 5/21 annually if conditions allow.		
SE FLAT TOPS AREA ROADS			
Coffee Pot - FSR 600	From CO River Road – FSR 600 is open to the Forest Boundary only. From the Forest Boundary the road opens on 6/1 to Crane Park. From Crane Park to Budesges Resort road opens 6/21 - all snow dependent.		
Crescent Lake - FSR 613	Road opens 5/21 annually if conditions allow.		
Derby Loop - County Rd 39	County Road, no report.		

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Stump Park - FSR 610	Road opens 5/21 annually if conditions allow.
VAIL AREA ROADS	
Berry Creek – FSR 774	Lower road opens 5/21 and is dry.
Holy Cross City – FSR 759	Open annually on 5/21, condition dependent. Access depends also on FSR 704 and 727. Usually passable mid-June, high water crossings
Homestake - FSR 703	Opened on 5/21, and plowed past Missouri Creek Road.
June Creek - FSR 717	Lower roads 717.1A and 717.1B open 5/21 and are dry; upper gate slated to open 6/21 annually, condition dependent.
Lost Lake – FSR 786	As of 5/15/20, snow-packed - Access to this route from FSR 700 from Vail see FSR 700 info
McAllister/Hornsilver - FSR 708	Opens annually on 6/21, condition dependent.
Metcalf – FSR 779	Opens annually on 6/21, condition dependent.
Middle Creek – FSR 719	Opens annually on 6/21, condition dependent.
Missouri Creek - FSR 704	Road opened 5/21, and plowed to trailheads. Snowy at trailheads.
Muddy Pass - FSR 700	Milepost 24.9 to 30.7 (from Hwy 131 to gate just past FSR 744) opens 5/21, annually. Beyond/east of gate opens 6/21, see Red Sandstone section below for the seasonal dates for the rest of FSR 700.
No Name - FSR 705	Road opens 5/21 annually if conditions allow. Usually still snow near top on opening day.
Piney Guard - FSR 744	Road opens 5/21 annually if conditions allow.
Red and White - FSR 734	Road slated to open June 21, condition dependent.
Red Sandstone - FSR 700	Lower gate slated to open June 1 condition dependent, upper gate slated to open 6/21 condition dependent.
Resolution - FSR 702	Lower gate slated to open June 1 condition dependent. Connects to FSR 747 and 708 which do not open until 6/21.
Sheephorn - FSR 401	Road slated to open 6/21 condition dependent.
Shrine Pass - FSR 709	Road opens 6/21 annually if conditions allow.
Tigiwon – FSR 707	Road opens 6/21 annually if conditions allow.
Wearyman - FSR 747	Road slated to open 6/21 conditions dependent. Exit out to FSR 709 and Redcliff is closed indefinitely due to landslide. Loop experience using FSR 708 back to Camp Hale.
West Lake Creek – FSR 423	Road opens 6/21 annually if conditions allow.
Special Alerts and Notices:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Please respect the wintering wildlife you may encounter on the trail by not spooking them and giving them the right of way by allowing enough space between you and the animals. For this reason, certain areas are closed to allow the wildlife to have an uninterrupted winter range. Please respect those closures.The White River National Forest Travel Management Plan has been released. For a free map of the existing summer and winter routes, visit the WRNF Travel Management Website.	

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Trail	Conditions
Eagle Area Trails	
Antones Lake #1871.1	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Antones #1871	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Brown's Loop	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Fulford Cave #1875	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Green Gate #1903	Annual wildlife closures. Open 6/21 - 10/9 only.
Ironedge #1873	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Lake Charles #1899	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Lost Lake #2224	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Mckenzie Gulch #1869	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Mount Thomas #1870	Expect snow and spring conditions.
New York Lake #2221	Expect snow and spring conditions.
New York Mtn #1876	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Nolan Lake #1898	Expect snow and spring conditions. As of 5/21/21: Snowy at trailhead.
Salt Creek #1878	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Sneve Gulch #1872	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Sundell Trail #1863	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Yates Gulch #1864	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Yeoman Park Discovery	Expect snow and spring conditions.
SE FLAT TOPS AREA TRAILS	
Cross Creek #1855	No report yet, but should be dry for most of the length of the trail.
Grizzly Creek #2065	As of 04/29/2021, snow free for first 3 to 3.5 miles.
Hanging Lake #1850	RESERVATION REQUIRED: Please see the Hanging Lake recreation page for more info.
Hooper Lake #1860	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Island Lakes #1842	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Johnson Pasture #1852	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Nellie's #1839	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Prospect #1867	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Rim Lake #1856	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Shingle Peak #2042	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Sweetwater #1854	Usually dry from Hill Tops Trailhead for about 6-8 miles toward Trapper's Lake Trail in mid-May.
Trappers Lake #1816	Expect snow and spring conditions.

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Turret Creek #1832	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Ute-Sweetwater #2032	Expect snow and spring conditions.
W Mountain #1817	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Wagon Wheel #2049	Expect snow and spring conditions.
VAIL AREA TRAILS	
Beaver Lake #2109	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Bighorn #2013	Expect snow and winter conditions. As of 05/07/2021, snow free for 1.5 miles.
Booth Creek #2011	Expect snow and winter conditions. As of 04/29/2021, snow free for 1 mile.
Bowman's Shortcut #1851	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Buck Creek #2106	Expect snow and winter conditions. As of 05/07/2021, snow free for 2.2 miles
Buffehr Creek #787	Annual spring wildlife closure from April 15 – June 20.
Colorado Trail #2108	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Cross Creek #2006	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Dead Dog #2220	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Deluge Lake #2014	Expect snow and winter conditions. As of 04/29/2021, snow free for 1 mile.
East Lake Creek #1880	Expect snow and spring conditions
East Meadow Creek #1886	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Everkrisp #2122	Annual winter/spring wildlife closure from Nov 23 – June 20.
Fall Creek #2001	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Fancy Creek #2006	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Game Creek #2130	As of 5/20/21: Cleared of trees, and just one small snow patch left.
Gore Creek #2015	Expect snow and winter conditions. As of 04/29/2021, snow free for 1 mile.
Grouse Lake #2127	Expect snow and winter conditions. As of 04/29/2021, snow free for most of the trail.
Grouse Mtn #2010	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Halfmoon Pass #2009	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Lonesome Lake #2126	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Lost Lake #1893	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Lower Piney #1885	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Martin Creek #2128	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Meadow Creek #1891	Expect snow and winter conditions.
Meadow Mountain #748	As of 04/29/2021, snow free for most of the trail.
Missouri Lakes #2033	Expect snow and spring conditions.
North Trail #1896	Annual spring wildlife closure from April 15 – June 20.
Notch Mountain #2000	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Stone Creek #2349	Annual spring wildlife closure from May 15 – June 20.
Pitkin Creek #2012	Expect snow and winter conditions. As of 04/29/2021, snow free for 1 mile.
Shrine Mountain #2016	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Soda Lakes #1889	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Son of Middle Creek #2136	Annual spring wildlife closure from April 15 – June 20.
Squaw Creek #1897	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Two Elk #2005	Annual spring wildlife closure from May 6 – June 30.
Upper Piney River #1885	Expect snow and spring conditions.
West Grouse #2129	Expect snow and spring conditions.
Whiskey Creek #2348	Annual winter/spring wildlife closure from Nov 23 – June 20.
Whitney Lake #2002	Expect snow and spring conditions.

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